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November 20, 1903

Mortuary report of Habana for the week ended November 7, 1903.

| Disease. | Number of deaths. | Disease. | Number of deaths. |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Tuberculosis | 20 | Diphtheria | 2 |
| Bronchitis | 3 | Meningitis | 5 |
| Enteric fever | 3 | Scarlet fever | 11 |
| Enteritis | 2 | Cancer | 5 |

Total deaths from all causes, 99.

Reports from Santiago—Weekly and monthly.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, November 4, as follows:

Week ended October 31, 1903. Only one bill of health was issued, that was to a vessel bound for Porto Pico. No quarantinable disease has been reported. Inclosed I send the weekly abstract of bills of health issued and the mortuary statistics for the week.

Mortuary statistics for the week ended October 31, 1903.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

| Causes of death. | Number. |
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| Erysipelas | 1 |
| Tubercle of lungs | 1 |
| Myelitis, acute | 1 |
| Organic heart disease | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 1 |
| Empyema | 1 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years) | 1 |
| Diarrhea and enteritis, chronic | 1 |
| Nephritis, acute | 1 |
| Uræmia | 1 |
| Rachitis | 1 |
| Gunshot wound | 1 |
| Total | 13 |

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 14.85 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

Report for the month of October, 1903. The number of bills of health issued was 17. This is a slight increase over September, but still below the average; July and August were also below the average. This is the dull season in Cuba, but the number of vessels going to the United States this year is less than for the corresponding period of last year.

The total number of deaths for October is 74. This is an increase of 14 over September, which had an unusually low mortality. The increase is in digestive diseases and in unspecified causes of death—of the latter there were 10, all of them being cases for judicial procedure, though some of them were due to natural causes.

The condition of the city as a whole is not as clean as it was last month. This is more noticeable in the outskirts of the city, where the rains have torn up the streets so badly as to interfere with drainage, thus causing stagnant pools. Most of the streets are unpaved, and these from neglect are getting in very bad condition.

We have had frequent but light rains lately. This is unusual at this time of the year, but they were needed to compensate for a rather dry, rainy season.

No contagious diseases were reported during the month. There were 3 cases of haemoglobinuric fever in the city, but they all recovered.

Two more inspectors have been added to the sanitary department. The city has again been divided into four districts, and one inspector is in charge of each district. A systematic house-to-house inspection has been begun.

In view of the epidemic of scarlet fever in Habana the superior board of health has issued a circular which has been distributed all over the island giving popular instructions to prevent its contagion and propagation. This has been published in the local papers.

The city board of health held a meeting to discuss the situation. As a result of this the alcalde has issued a proclamation warning all persons to call a doctor as soon as they notice a child with an eruptive fever, and reminding the doctors that they must report contagious diseases to the chief of the sanitary department.

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| Bills of health issued and outgoing vessels inspected | 17 |
| Crews | 724 |
| Passengers | 194 |
| Vessels quarantined | 0 |
| Vessels disinfected | 0 |
| Certificates issued: | |
| (a) Immune | 0 |
| (b) Nonimmune | 0 |
| Applicants for immune certificates rejected | 0 |
| Persons vaccinated | 0 |
| Baggage outbound: | |
| (a) Inspected | 0 |
| (b) Disinfected | 0 |
| Deaths from yellow fever | 0 |
| Deaths from other contagious diseases | 0 |
| Deaths from all causes (stillbirths not counted) | 74 |
| Cases of quarantinable diseases reported in city | 0 |
| Cases of other contagious diseases reported in city | 0 |
| Certificates issued for shipping remains of dead bodies to the United States | 0 |

GERMANY.

Reports from Berlin--Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, October 31, as follows:

Plague.

Egypt.—Between the 10th and 17th of October there were registered in the whole of Egypt 10 new cases of plague (and 7 deaths)—all in Alexandria.

Hongkong.—Between the 30th of August and 12th of September there were registered 5 cases of plague, all ending in death.

China.—In Newchwang between the 30th of August and 13th of September there were registered 110 cases of plague (with 82 deaths).